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## AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to an office action of the above entitled application, please amend the application as follows:

Please deduct any applicable fee from Applicant Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-0120.

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER:

A terminal disclaimer has been filed.

Please deduct the \$55.00 Terminal Disclaimer fee from Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-0120.

Please amend Claims 7 and 8. A complete listing of the Claims and their present status is as follows:

1. (previously presented) A trigger lever guard for a palm operable trigger lever of a garden hose nozzle, which prevents accidental discharge of water from a garden hose nozzle, if it falls to the ground or hits another object, thereby protecting the lever from accidental operation from side and back impact while affording access to the user's hand for normal unencumbered operation, said trigger guard comprising:

a frame having a geometric shaped object extending in a plane intersecting a longitudinally extending axis of said palm operable trigger lever of said garden hose nozzle, such that a predetermined length of the diameter of geometrically shaped object extends in at least one plane a distance greater than a predetermined plane of pivot of said palm operable trigger lever;

said frame being mounted to a garden hose removably attachable to said garden hose nozzle.

2. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said geometrically shaped object extends in one plane intersecting said plane of said pivot of said palm operable trigger lever of the garden hose nozzle.

3. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said geometrically shaped object extends in more than one plane intersecting said plane of said pivot of said palm operable trigger lever.

4. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 3 wherein said geometrically shaped object extends arcuately in more than one plane intersecting said plane of said pivot of said palm operable trigger lever.

5. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 2 wherein said geometrically shaped object is an annular ring.

6. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 5 wherein said annular trigger lever guard is a rigid wire frame attached to said garden hose.

7. (currently amended) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein a mounting angle of said geometrically shaped object to said garden hose is at an angle between forty five degrees and ninety degrees.

8. (currently amended) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 7 wherein said mounting angle of said geometrically shaped object to said garden hose is at an angle of about seventy five degrees.

9. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said trigger lever guard is attached to said garden hose by a clamp.

10. (previously presented) The trigger level guard as in Claim 1 wherein said trigger level guard is attached to said garden hose by a fastener.

11. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said trigger lever guard is removably attachable to said garden hose nozzle.

12. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said trigger lever guard is an annular injection molded plastic trigger lever guard.

13. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said trigger lever guard is comprised of wire.

14. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 13 wherein said trigger lever guard is galvanized steel wire.

15. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 13 wherein said trigger lever guard is painted steel wire.

16. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 13 wherein said trigger lever guard is dip coated steel wire.

17. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 13 wherein said trigger lever guard is plastic sleeve covered steel wire.

18. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said annular ring is a closed extended surface.

19. (previously presented) The trigger lever guard as in Claim 1 wherein said geometric shaped object further comprising a graphic indicia emblazoned upon a surface thereof.